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CT Education Committee Hartford, CT

Dear Education Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bills: SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 which would force regionalization of Connecticut public schools. All three proposals are detrimental to the health of our most precious asset as a state, our schools.

If approved, these bills would only further an additional outflow of residents, many of whom came to this state for the schools, further eroding state revenue and worsening the state's fiscal crisis. Further, regionalization has been demonstrated to NOT help education equity between small towns and citizens, so if that is the rationale behind this, it is misguided.

For these reasons, I implore you for your support in **opposing** SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874 and or any other efforts to force consolidation of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,

Brendan Kenny